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### **Puppy Theft**

**Manchester Police have arrested a city man in connection with a puppy theft.**

Earlier this month, a woman reported that her Rottweiler puppy had been taken from her third floor porch on Orange St. She told police that prior to the puppy going missing she had seen an unknown male snooping around the property. Shortly afterwards, she went outside to check on the puppy and saw the same male running down the stairs with the dog. The owner lost sight of him after he jumped a fence and she immediately went out to look for the puppy. The dog was later found unharmed in an alley way off of Union St.

Through the investigation, police obtained surveillance video . In the video a suspect can first be seen walking through a parking lot near the residence, later the same person is seen running with a puppy in his arms. Police also learned that after the theft, the suspect hid his sweatshirt. Police were able to identify that suspect as 20 year old Justin LaClair of Manchester.

LaClair was arrested on March 22, 2022 and charged with Felony Theft by Unauthorized Taking and Falsifying Evidence. He was released on \$500 unsecured bond and will have a hearing at a later date.



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